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LENGTH OF INLAND WATERWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of Inland Waterways in the country;

(b) the length of Inland Waterways created during the Ninth Plan; and

(c) the details of projects undertaken/proposed to be undertaken for promoting inland waterways facilities in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) India's navigable inland waterways extend to nearly 14,500 km out of which about 5700 km are suitable for mechanized crafts.

(b) No new national waterway was declared in the 9th Plan.

(c) The important projects include Annual River Conservancy Works including bandalling, dredging, channel marking, talwegsurvey, issue of river notices in National Waterway -1 and 2, annual maintenance dredging, day channel marking, issue of river notices on National Waterway -3, construction of permanent terminal at Gaighat, Patna on NW-1 and Pandu on National Waterway-2,terminals at 11 locations on NW-3, night navigation facilities on three National Waterways, requisition of dredger, survey launches, tugs, accommodation boats, acquisition of pontoons to be used as floating jetties for National Waterway-1 & 2 , construction of National Institute of Inland Navigation at Patna etc.

(d) Various projects for provision of inland water transport infrastructure facilities namely navigational channel, terminals and navigational aids on three national waterways are being undertaken/proposed to be undertaken by the Government in a phased manner.